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1. According to the list of members furnished the delegates at the Paris Congress, there are six members from the USSR all representing the Academy of the Sciences of the USSR, at Kaloujskaia 14, Moscow. They are as follows: NV Bielov, AB Choubnikov, GS Jdanov, AP Kapoustine, VP Koretskov, and AN Lobatchiov.

2. So far as I know, only Bjelov and Jdanov were in attendance. Apparently they had failed to make arrangements in advance for the presentation of papers and special arrangements had to be made at the last minute to permit Jdanov to present a paper. It was not included among the papers abstracted in advance of the meeting and circulated among the delegates.

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3. For some years past, work in the USSR on crystal structure was not very advanced by Western standards. However, the Jdanov paper, which he read in English before the Committee of Structure Reports, showed considerable improvement and awareness of current developments in Western Europe and the US.

4. Both Jdanov and Bjelov spoke English and also French. Jdanov's English, in particular, was surprisingly good. I would judge Jdanov's age to be between 45 and 50. He has a 21 year old daughter whose picture he showed to a number of us at a formal banquet. Bjelov appears to be somewhat older than Jdanov. Although I had no opportunity to speak to either of them, they seemed to feel at ease among the other delegates and seemed to enjoy the meetings and also the social functions.

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